



## EXHIBIT L

### RESOURCES FOR PREPARING A COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT OR PLAN

#### I. RESOURCES FOR EVALUATING LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS OR DEVELOPING A HOUSING AND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PROJECT

##### A. Statewide Housing Condition Study

A potentially very useful resource regarding local housing conditions is the statewide Housing Condition Study, available from the MDOC Housing Division (841-2840). This study provides an excellent and readily available source of information based on county appraiser property tax information about all dwellings throughout the State. The information presented in the study is also available by county and selected municipalities (at least one within each county). Using this information concerning counties and municipalities will enable communities and organizations to better understand and identify what types of housing structures are available for rental and purchase. The information can also be used to identify the housing stock which may need rehabilitation.

##### B. Housing Rehabilitation Program Workbook and Designing and Initiating a Small Community Housing Rehabilitation Program

The Montana CDBG Program has two publications available to assist local governments: Housing Rehabilitation Program Workbook and Designing and Initiating a Small Community Housing Program. The CDBG Program also has available booklets on housing rehabilitation entitled Housing Rehabilitation for Small Cities - Second Edition prepared by the Council of State Community Development Agencies and How to Design a Rental Rehabilitation Program prepared by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

#### II. RESOURCES FOR EVALUATING LOCAL PUBLIC FACILITIES NEEDS OR DEVELOPING A PUBLIC FACILITIES PROJECT

MDOC has published technical guides that may be useful to local officials who are working on public facility problems, including:

- **A Handbook: Capital Facilities Scheduling and Financing**
- **Planning and Financing Community Water and Sewer Systems in Montana**
- **The Mini Capital Improvements Plan for Small Towns**

### **III. SOURCES FOR ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC DATA**

#### **A. Economic and Demographic Databook**

The MDOC Housing Division also maintains an Economic and Demographic Databook of historic and forecasted information by county -- including employment data, earned and unearned income, earnings by industry, and population by age cohorts both male and female. The material is presented in large tables and is helpful when making decisions regarding future housing projects within communities.

#### **B. MDOC's Census and Economic Information Center**

Another important source for housing-related data is MDOC's Census and Economic Information Center (CEIC, 4406/841-2738), the official source of U.S. Census data for Montana. CEIC is located within MDOC's Business Resources Division and assists individuals, businesses, governments, communities and economic development efforts by providing Montana demographic and economic information and statistics, as well as technical expertise. CEIC is the designated state agency to provide user access to electronic data from the Census Bureau and to receive, reproduce, and distribute maps produced by the Bureau. CEIC maintains a collection of documents and electronic files that address the economy and population of the state (historical as well as current), including special papers and statistical reports from federal agencies and other Montana state agencies. CEIC is also coordinating Census 2000 programs in Montana with the Census Bureau. CEIC also compiles and updates the Montana County Statistical Reports, which are a collection of demographic and socioeconomic data for the state of Montana and its 56 counties and for the state. The Census and Economic Information Center's web site (<http://commerce.state.mt.us/ceic>) allows clients to research and gather data in an easily accessible manner

### **IV. SOURCES FOR MAPS AND OTHER DATA**

#### **A. U.S. Census Maps**

Maps identifying the census districts within each county may be ordered from the Census and Economic Information Center (CEIC), Montana Department of Commerce, 301 South Park Avenue, Helena, Montana 59620, (Telephone 841-2738). Microfiche copies of the county census district maps are available free; paper copies of the maps may be purchased. As noted above, a wide variety of CEIC data can be accessed via the CEIC web page located at:

**<http://commerce.state.mt.us/ceic/index.htm>**

#### **B. County Maps and Urban Plat Maps**

Maps of Montana's counties, cities and towns can also be ordered from the Road Inventory and Mapping Section, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT), 2701 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana 59620 (Telephone 444-6119) . A wide variety

of base maps for counties, cities, and towns as well as some unincorporated communities can be at this address or accessed via the MDT web page located at:

**<http://www.mdt.mt.us/planning/public.htm>**

**C. Flood Plain Maps and Water Resource Information**

Maps of designated flood plains may be ordered from the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC), Water Operations Bureau, 48 North Last Chance Gulch, Helena, Montana 59620 (Telephone 444-0860). A wide variety of water resource-related information, including the DNRC Guide to Stream Permitting in Montana, can also be accessed via the DNRC web page located at:

**<http://www.dnrc.mt.us/wrd/home.htm>**

**D. Topographic Maps and Other Natural Resource Information**

Maps depicting a variety of natural resource related information, as well as a wealth of other natural resource information, can be ordered from the Montana State Library, Natural Resources Information System (NRIS), 1515 E. Sixth Ave., Helena, MT 59620 (Telephone 444-2987). NRIS programs include:

- ~ The Natural Heritage Program which maintains a computer-assisted inventory of Montana's biological resources, including rare and endangered plant and animal species.
- ~ the Water Information System is the starting point for locating water resources data on surface water, groundwater, water quality, riparian areas, floodplains, wetlands, and more.
- ~ The Geographic Information System (GIS) provides maps, map data, and technical assistance with computerized mapping.

The NRIS data can be accessed via the NRIS web page:

**<http://nris.state.mt.us/index.htm>**

A related web site is the Montana Rivers Information System which can also be accessed via the NRIS web page.